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Kids Easter celebration at Paseo Herencia



tainment Center will have a Kids Easter Celebration. The event will start at 5.00 p.m. with a clown show, various games with fabulous prizes and a dance performance for the kids. Also there will be dino jump, face painting, cotton candy and popcorn for the kids and the opportunity to take a picture with the Easter bunny.

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Entertainment Center. Inscription dates are Wednesday, March 24 – Monday, March 29. Price per child is Afl 25,- or \$14.50 and includes a t-shirt,

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Beaming Obama signs historic \$938 billion overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — A beaming President Barack Obama yesterday signed a historic \$938 billion health care overhaul that guarantees coverage for 32 million uninsured Americans and will touch nearly every citizen's life, presiding over the biggest shift in U.S. domestic policy since the 1960s and capping a divisive, yearlong debate that could define the November elections.

Celebrating "a new season in America" — the signature accomplishment of his White House so far and one denied to a line of presidents before him — Obama made the massive bill law with an East Room signing ceremony. He was joined by jubilant House and Senate Democrats as well as lesser-known people whose health care struggles have touched the president. Obama scheduled back-to-back events to mark the moment, with much of his White House audience, as well as hundreds of others, gathering at the Interior Department for Act II immediately after the signing.

"With all the punditry, all the lobbying, all the game-playing that passes for governing here in Washington, it's



been easy at times to doubt our ability to do such a big thing, such a complicated thing, to wonder if there are limits to what we as a people can still achieve," Obama said, his remarks interrupted by applause after nearly every sentence. "We are not a nation that scales back its aspirations. We are not a nation that falls prey to doubt or mistrust. We don't fall prey to fear. We are not a nation that does what's easy. That's not who we are. That's not how we got here."

The president's victory lap proceeded even as Congress labored to complete the overhaul with a companion meas-

ure making changes to the main bill that were a condition of House Democrats' approval.

Not everyone was cheering the new law.

Attorneys general from 13 states filed suit to stop the overhaul just minutes after the bill signing, contending the law is unconstitutional. Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum took the lead in the lawsuit, joined by colleagues from South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Michigan, Utah, Pennsylvania, Alabama, South Dakota, Louisiana, Idaho, Washington and Colorado. Other GOP attorneys general may join the lawsuit later or sue separately.

Chavez foe arrested over drug haven comment

CARACAS, Venezuela — An outspoken opponent of President Hugo Chavez said Monday that police have taken him into custody while he awaits trial on conspiracy charges for saying Venezuela has become a haven for drug trafficking.

Former Zulia state Gov. Oswaldo Alvarez Paz, who has also been accused of spreading false information and publicly inciting violation of the law, said federal agents escorted him to intelligence headquarters in Caracas.

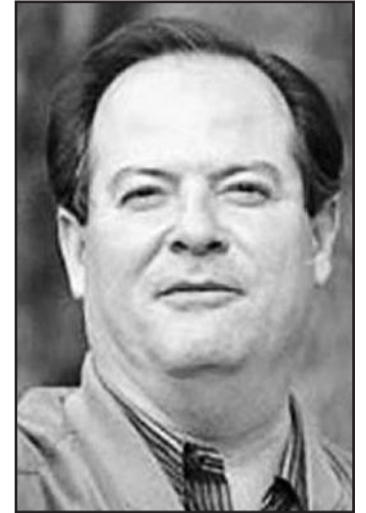
"I am assuming responsibility for the things I have said," Alvarez Paz told the Globovision television channel.

The station broadcast footage of government agents accompanying Alvarez Paz from his residence in the capital of Caracas to an awaiting car, which then drove off.

His attorney, Omar Estacio, said the charges are unfounded and expressed doubt that prosecutors would have any success in court.

"He is a political prisoner, there is no doubt about that," Estacio said.

The charges against Alvarez Paz stem from comments he made during a talk show broadcast by Globovision, the only TV channel in



Oswaldo Alvarez Paz

Venezuela that remains critical of Chavez.

"Venezuela has turned into a center of operations that facilitates the business of drug trafficking," Alvarez Paz said last month on "Hello Citizen."

Alvarez Paz has said he stands by the remarks and insists he has broken no laws.

Opponents accuse Chavez of growing increasingly intolerant of criticism and using the judicial system to harass and imprison opponents.

Chavez denies holding sway over prosecutors and says only people who break the law are being prosecuted and jailed.

Oil giant Petrobras the most lucrative firm in Latin America

Brazilian oil company Petrobras was the most lucrative firm in Latin America in 2009 with posted earnings of 16.6 billion dollars, a study said.

According to the survey carried out by the consulting firm Economatca, the state-controlled Petrobras was the second most lucrative firm in

the entire Americas, only behind US energy firm Exxon Mobil, with earnings of 19.3 billion dollars. Microsoft was third on the list.

In 2009, Petrobras jumped from fifth to second place in the among firms in the Americas, even though its earnings fell by 12 percent from its

2008 results.

Petrobras is the only non-US firm in the Top 20 of the Americas, which also featured Walmart, IBM, Apple, Coca-Cola and Pfizer, among others.

Petrobras is active in 27 countries and has a tanker fleet of more than 150 ships, of which over one third belong to the company itself.

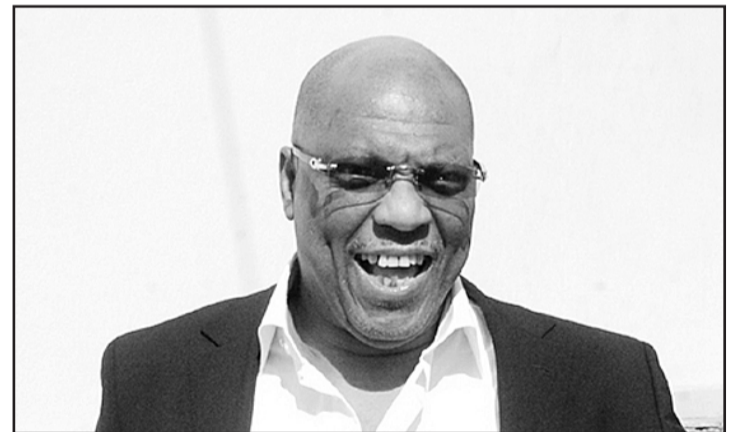
Fidel doing very well for his age'

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — The 83-year-old Fidel Castro is doing "very well for his age," despite a health crisis that forced him to step down as Cuba's president and has kept him out of public for almost four years, his brother says.

Raul Castro said that his bearded and iconic brother is "reading and writing a lot and you could say that he is very well for his age."

The former leader is exercising daily and is "more disciplined than ever because now he has lunch and dinner at the right times, goes to bed earlier and doesn't work until 7 or 8 in the morning like he used to.

Founder of Jamaica's infamous Shower Posse dead



KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The founder of a cocaine-smuggling gang blamed for about 1,400 slayings has died of illnesses at a Jamaica hospital, a year after returning to his native island following a prison term in the United States.

Vivian Blake, 53, died Sunday at University Hospital of the West Indies, where he had been admitted a day earlier after suffering a heart attack, according to attorney George Soutar. The lawyer said Blake also had kidney disease and had been receiving dialysis treatment.

In the days before his death, Blake was his "usual efferves-

cent self" and had been working on a screenplay about the Shower Posse, the gang he founded in Brooklyn in the 1970s, Soutar said.

U.S. prosecutors alleged that the Shower Posse — the name came from their alleged practice of showering their enemies with bullets — was responsible for some 1,400 killings in several states during cocaine wars of the 1980s.

Authorities alleged that Blake, who was living in the Fort Lauderdale area at the time, was responsible for smuggling more than 1,000 tons of the drug into the United States.

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Informative meetings for students pursuing their education at Hogeschool Rotterdam

ORANJESTAD -- This year, for the second time, there will be informative meetings, called "Subi Jet pa bo Get" for students wishing to continue their studies at the Hogeschool Rotterdam for the year 2010/2011. Aim of this meeting is to give students, wishing to get government financing, the necessary basic preparation before leaving to Holland. Facilitators will be Mr. Raily Goedgedrag M Sc and Mrs. Gerry Lendering.

The meetings will be on Thursday, March 25 and Friday, March 26, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Colegio Arubano, local EX4.

On Thursday there will be information about the Hogeschool Rotterdam and the HBO study. On Friday, the way to choose a study and finances.

On Saturday topics of to be discussed will be 'The life of a student in Rotterdam' and 'Change of culture.'

The meetings are financed by the Hogeschool Rotterdam and will be as follows.

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Place: Colegio Arubano
Classroom: EX-4
Agenda: 1. Welcome and

explanation of 'Subi Jet pa bo Get'

2. Information about Hogeschool Rotterdam and the HBO education

3. Opportunity to ask questions

Time: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday, March 26, 2010

Place: Colegio Arubano
Classroom: EX-4

Agenda: 1. How to choose an education: Exercises and reflection of the chosen study

2. Finances: Information, practical examples, tips and discussion

Time: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Place: Colegio Arubano
Classroom: EX-4

Agenda: 1. Life of a student in Rotterdam

2. Change of culture

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

All students are requested to assist, to be on time and to bring pen and paper. Also bring something to eat during break.

For more information about the meetings please contact the Departamento di Enseñansa seccion Facilidad pa Estudio y Guia (Department of Education section Study and Guide Facility) at tel. 528-333.

Concert 'Nos Ta Ruman'- We are Brothers, dedicated to Zjulaiska Theysen-Almary, who passed away last February

ORANJESTAD -- In 1985 Gregory Goedgedrag recorded his first cassette named 'Luz di Caminda' – the Path's Light, accompanied by a prayer group with the same name. This year, Gregory is celebrating 25 years that God allowed him to start with his ministry of music to the Lord. During those 25 years, Gregory met a lot of people from different countries who performed with him during evangelism.

This year, in celebration of his 25 years he will hold a concert called 'Nos Ta Ruman.' We are brothers. Aim of the concert is to give thanks to God for all the blessings he received during those 25 years. Eltienne Yarzagaray, MAA and God's Sons, and a saxophone quartet

consisting of Lucio Rivadeiro, Jean Paul Carrasquilla, Angel and Gregory, who will perform during the concert.

The concert will be dedicated to a special friend of Gregory, Zjulaiska Theysen-Almary, who passed away from cancer in February 2010. She was 26 years old, married with two children. Zjulaiska accepted Christ and dedicated her life to God and formed part of the prayer group 'Youth's Heart for Jesus.'

She was a young woman with a lot of hope and faith. She inspired a lot of people she met up till her last days. She was a person who was happy with her life. And for this Gregory wants to honor Zjulaiska with this concert.

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RBTT taps into RBC Ombudsman to further enhance service



RBTT's senior leadership team provides a captive audience for RBC Ombudsman, Wendy Knight.

The RBTT Financial Group has taken one step further to improve the experience of its clients and employees, through the introduction of the RBC Ombudsman.

During a three-day visit to RBTT's head office in Port of Spain, the RBC Ombudsman, Ms. Wendy Knight, sought to bring clarity to the role and function of her office. The Ombudsman acts as a mediator in complaints/issues raised by clients and employees and is now accessible to employees and clients of RBTT Bank Aruba N.V., as well as all other RBTT Banks across the Caribbean.

According to Knight, the Ombudsman "is not an advocate for either party to a dispute." Rather, the Ombudsman is supported by a team of dis-

pute resolution professionals who provide the transparent, confidential and neutral environment for parties to openly discuss an issue/concern with a view to coming to a mutually beneficial and acceptable resolution.

The Office of the Ombudsman also recommends changes from time to time to the organisation to improve client and employee experiences.

During her meetings, the RBC Ombudsman outlined how clients and employees could benefit from utilising this voluntary service.

The Ombudsman described her meetings as "welcoming and extremely informative" as she sought to gain an appreciation for RBTT's current business and operational realities, and its marketplace.

RBTT will continue to work closely with the RBC Ombudsman and her team, as it seeks to establish the Bank as the Employer of Choice and the leading financial services institution in the Caribbean.

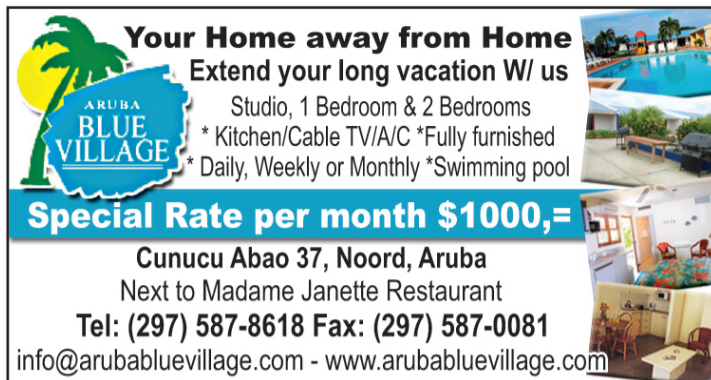
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Eating less meat won't reduce global warming



WASHINGTON – Eating less meat will not reduce global warming, and claims that it will distract from efforts to find real solutions to climate change, a leading air quality expert said Monday.

"We certainly can reduce our greenhouse gas production, but not by consuming less meat and milk," Frank Mitloehner, an air quality expert at the University of California-Davis, said.

Blaming cows and pigs for climate change is scientifically inaccurate, said Mitloehner, dismissing several reports, including one issued in 2006 by the United Nations, which he said overstate the role that livestock play in global warming.

The UN report "Livestock's Long Shadow," which said livestock cause more greenhouse gases than all global transportation combined, distracts from the real issues involved in looking for a solution to global warming, said Mitloehner.

The notion that eating less meat will help to combat climate change has spawned campaigns for "meatless Mondays" and a European campaign launched late last year called "Less Meat = Less Heat," backed by former Beatle Paul McCartney, one of the world's best-known vegetarians.

"McCartney and others seem to be well-intentioned but not well-schooled in the complex relationships among human activities, animal digestion, food production and atmospheric chemistry," said Mitloehner.

"Smarter animal farming, not less farming, will equal less heat," Mitloehner said. "Producing less meat and milk will only mean more hunger in poor countries," he said.

Rather than focusing on producing and eating less meat, Mitloehner said developed countries "should focus on cutting our use of oil and coal for electricity, heating and vehicle fuels."

In the United States, transportation creates an estimated 26 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions, whereas raising cattle and pigs for food accounts for about three percent, he said.

The UN report, issued in 2006, said global livestock rearing was responsible for 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions measured in carbon dioxide equivalents. The UN report said that was more than the greenhouse gases produced worldwide by transport.

Mitloehner said the UN report did not compare like with like when it analyzed the role of livestock versus fossil fuel emissions in spurring global warming.

'Good fats'



BOSTON, Massachusetts -- Fats from foods such as some fish, nuts and vegetable oil can reduce the risk of heart problems 20 percent compared to use of saturated fats, a study indicates.

A look at results of eight previous research projects concluded cutting back on fats derived from meat and butter -- the saturated fats -- and the use of polyunsaturated fats could increase good cholesterol.

Saturated fats have been linked to "bad" cholesterol that can block arteries and lead to heart attacks.

The study by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health concluded for each 5 percent increase in polyunsaturated fat usage there was a 10 percent drop in heart disease. In four years, the researchers said, such a dietary change could lead to a one-fifth lower risk of heart problems.

The study results, surveying data from more than 13,000 subjects, were released Tuesday in the journal PLoS Medicine.

The American Heart Association lists fish such as salmon, mackerel and trout, walnuts and sunflower seeds and soybean oil, corn oil and safflower oil as among foods high in polyunsaturated fat.

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Seaweed: A new way to fight obesity?



NEWCASTLE, England, -- British researchers say seaweed might be effective in fighting increasing rates of obesity, effectively reducing fat uptake by more than 75 percent.

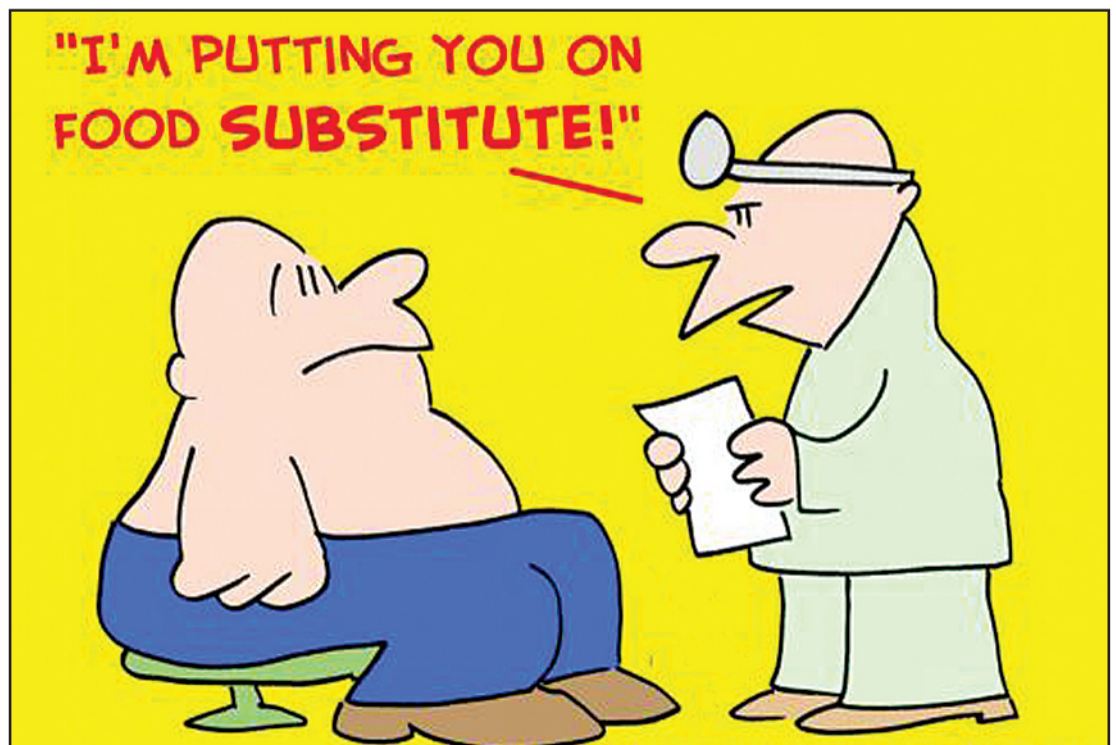
The Newcastle University investigators, led by Professor Jeff Pearson and researcher Iain Brownlee, said they found Alginate -- a natural fiber found in sea kelp -- stops the body from absorbing fat better than most anti-obesity treatments currently available. Using an artificial gut, they tested the effectiveness of more than 60 different natural fibers by measuring the amount of fat that was digested and absorbed with each treatment.

"The aim of this study was to put these products to the test

and our initial findings are that alginates significantly reduce fat digestion," Brownlee said. "This suggests that if we can add the natural fiber to products commonly eaten daily -- such as bread, biscuits and yogurts -- up to three quarters of the fat contained in that meal could simply pass through the body."

"We have already added the alginate to bread and initial taste tests have been extremely encouraging," he said. "Now the next step is to carry out clinical trials to find out how effective they are when eaten as part of a normal diet."

The preliminary findings were presented last weekend in San Francisco, during a meeting of the American Chemical Society.





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Successful signature collection action at Aruba Dag

Thousands of Arubans want to vote in the Netherlands



Around 1,000 Arubans attended the Aruba Dag in the Netherlands and participated in a signature collecting action to deliver a motion to the Aruban government. The motion is an initiative to introduce a law allowing Arubans residing abroad to vote in the Aruba elections.

"We did not count all the signatures as yet, but I am very glad with the reception we had," Leoncita Arends of the radio program '90 Bisami"

stated. She was the promoter of the signatures collection. "Every day I receive calls and petitions from Arubans, especially those in Holland but also those residing elsewhere in the world, who want to participate in our elections, and want to contribute to the progress of our country," she stated. This is very important for students living abroad.

At the end of the day, the list of signatures was handed over to Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman who will process the petition through Parliament. There must be a change in the law allowing Arubans residing abroad to participate in the elections, being able to participate in the democratic process of our country.

"I do not know if it will be the same as it is done in Holland, but during the European Parliament election we demonstrated that we can vote, even via post," according to Leoncita Arends.

The prime minister accepted the list, a T-shirt and a sticker made especially for the action.

Arubadag celebrated in Washington



Minister Plenipotentiary for Aruba in Washington Mrs. Jocelyne Heronimo-Croes, invited Arubans residing in the U.S., Dutch dignitaries, Americans and Antillians to commemorate our national day during a small reception held at her home. Also present were the ambassador for the Dutch Kingdom in Wash-

ington, D.C., Mrs. Renee Jones-Bos and Minister Plenipotentiary for the Netherlands Antilles Mrs. Ann Groot-Phillips. It is the first time in history that the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba are represented in the U.S.A. by three women.

Mrs. Jocelyne Heronimo,

in her speech, welcomed the guests and gave them an explanation of the significance of our Flag and Anthem. The guests on their part expressed to be very happy with the Aruban hospitality they received at the small but entertaining gathering.

Photos shows the ambience during the gathering.



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Switzerland takes aim at violent Video Games

Videogame bloodbaths may have met their match overseas as Switzerland's National Council passed two new resolutions -- not yet laws -- that will ban violent video games. This sweep of censorship awaits only the Swiss government's definition of inappropriate amounts of violence. Once they become laws, this could disembowel gory franchises like Grand Theft Auto, God of War, and Call of Duty: Modern Warfare.

The first resolution comes from the Socialist Party, which wants to "stop the manufacture, advertisement, importation and sale of any game that promotes as a means of advancement or 'success' acts of violence against humans or 'human-like' creatures," according to Kotaku. This passed by a margin of 19 to 12.

The second resolution, pushed by the Christian Democratic Party, delves into specificity, seeking to "restrict the sale of violent shooters to children." It passed by a margin of 27 to 1.

Europe game ratings are based on the PEGI system, and industry experts say games with either a 16+ or 18+ rating will be stricken. These types of digital joyrides contain "dismemberment, torture, massive blood and gore, sadism and other types of gross violence" -- all very popular themes in modern gaming.

Google ends 4 years of censoring the Web for China



SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- Google Inc. stopped censoring the Internet for China by shifting its search engine off the mainland Monday but said it will maintain other operations in the country. The maneuver attempts to balance Google's disdain for China's Internet rules with the company's desire to profit from an explosively growing market.

Google's decision comes after an impasse pitting the world's most powerful Internet company against the government of the world's most populous country. It's still not clear if Google's solution will resolve a standoff that began Jan. 12. That's when Google said it would no longer adhere to China's requirement that it omit some Internet results.

Visitors to Google's old service for China, Google.cn, are now being redirected to the Chinese-language service based in Hong Kong, where Google does not censor the search results. The Hong Kong page heralded the shift Monday with this announcement: "Welcome to Google

Search in China's new home." The site also began displaying search results in the simplified Chinese characters that are used in mainland China.

However, the results can't all be accessed inside China, because government filters restrict the links that can be clicked by mainland audiences.

Google plans to retain its engineering and sales offices in China so it can keep a technological toehold in the country and continue to sell ads for the Chinese-language version of its search engine in the U.S. The company, based in Mountain View, also intends to keep its mapping and music services on Google.cn.

But the revolt against censorship threatens to crimp Google's growth, particularly if China retaliates by making it more difficult for the company to do business in the country. The Chinese government could react by blocking access to Google's services, much as it has completely shut off Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, which is owned by Google.

Enthusiasts revive Polaroid film, plan to sell it



NEW YORK (AP) -- A group of engineers and enthusiasts who leased an old Polaroid film factory in the Netherlands announced Monday that they had successfully reinvented instant film and will start selling packs this week.

The news gives new life to some old Polaroid cameras. The company, called The Impossible Project, will sell film for SX-70 cameras made in the '70s as well as more recent cameras that take 600-series film.

Each film pack will cost \$21 and produce eight black-and-white images. The company plans to introduce color film this summer, and expects to make 1 million packs in the first year. The film will be sold online initially, but the company expects to make it available in some stores as well.

Polaroid stopped making instant film in 2008, but Fujifilm of Japan still makes it, and some of its packs fit in professional Polaroid cameras. Fuji doesn't make SX-70 or 600 film.

SX-70 film was prized by artists because it had a soft image-carrying layer that could be squeezed around while developing, distorting

the image in entertaining ways. In addition, the cameras are icons of design: Tent-like when opened, they fold into a flat package.

The revival of instant film was dubbed The Impossible Project because of the complexity of the product, and because key materials used in Polaroid's formulation were no longer available, so the startup had to figure out a new way to make the film.

The original Polaroid Corp. filed for bankruptcy in 2001, followed by the successor company in 2008. Holding company PLR IP now controls the Polaroid brand name, licensing its use mainly to electronics companies. It is not involved in The Impossible Project and the new packs won't carry the Polaroid brand. However, PLR IP announced in January that new instant-film cameras would be launched this year that can use the packs.

Last year, a digital camera with the Polaroid brand launched with a built-in printer, producing small, sticky-backed photos reminiscent of the old film.

Is the Red Sea Really Red?



For ship captains, its known for its violent storms, as well as reefs and submerged islands, which can make it treacherous to navigate. To the rest of us, the Red Sea is one of the warmest, saltiest, and possibly reddest seas around. But does this body of water that extends from the Gulf of Suez and Gulf of Aqaba south to the Indian Ocean really glisten a rosy hue?

Not really. So where did it get its catchy name?

Occasionally, the sea becomes filled with blooms of cyanobacteria algae, called trichodesmium erythraeum, which, upon dying, turn the usually blue-green water, reddish-brown. The color is not intense and is said to vary across the expansive body of water.

'Smart' Roof responds to temperature, saves energy

A new material made from cooking oil could change your roof into a chameleon of sorts. Instead of changing the color of its skin, the roof coating morphs its optical properties - reflecting the sun's rays on hot days and absorbing the rays when it's cold.

The result: A roof that lessens the load on your home's heating and cooling systems.

The idea of using special building materials and coatings to reduce your utility bill, and the toll on Mother Nature, isn't new.

But past "green" roofs were only made for one season. For instance, "cool"

roofing, or white tiles that reflect the sun's rays, help to cool your home on summer days. But those same cooling properties are counterproductive during chilly winter days.

The new "smart" coating is made out of a cooking oil-based polymer - molecules strung together in long chains - that hardens into a plastic.

The key is a secret ingredient within the polymer that changes the coating's optical properties - but not its color - at a certain temperature, said Ben Wen, vice president of United Environment & Energy, a New York-based company developing the coating

using a proprietary recipe.

"This bio-based intelligent roof coating, compared with a traditional cool roof, could reduce both heating and cooling costs as it responds to the external environment," Wen said in a statement.

"It will help save fuel and electricity and reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds from petroleum-based roofing products. In addition, it will provide a new use for millions of gallons of waste oil after it is used to cook french fries and chicken nuggets."

Wen and colleagues tested out their concoction on asphalt shingles, finding it could reduce roof tempera-

tures by about 50 to 80 percent in warm weather. In cool weather, the coating increased roof temperatures up to 80 percent compared with the traditional cool roof.

The coating will be available to consumers in three years at a price lower than the cool roof coatings available today, Wen said.

It can be applied to an entire roof top or individual shingles, and its color can be varied by tweaking its composition, he added.

Wen and his colleagues presented their development at the 239th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) held in San Francisco last week.

HEALTH

Hair Loss: A Common Problem

About 85% of men will have significant hair thinning by the time they're 50, according to the American Hair Loss Association. Some men begin to lose their hair before they even turn 21.



Uncovering Hair Loss Myths

Does wearing a baseball cap cause baldness? Nope. Someone running their fingers through your hair won't cause it either. Neither will combing, brushing, twisting, or styling. But avoid being too rough to prevent hair breakage.

Quit Smoking and Save Your Hair?

Several studies show a significant relationship between smoking and how fast male-pattern baldness gets

worse. So if you need one more reason to quit smoking, add early hair loss to your list.

What Hair Loss Says About Your Health

Fortunately, in most cases, hair loss -- known as alopecia -- doesn't signal a medical problem. And it poses no health risk. But worries about hair loss's impact on first impressions or whether balding makes you look older are common.

What Causes Hair Loss?

More than 95% of male hair loss is due to male-pattern baldness, a genetic trait. The gene can come from either parent. In other cases, certain medications, having too much vitamin A, or not getting enough protein can cause hair to fall out. Dramatic shedding of hair known as telogen effluvium can be caused by illness or stress. In men, hair loss not due to male-pattern baldness often reverses itself.

Work to Keep the Hair You Have

Preventing hair loss is easier than replacing it once it's gone. If you want to find something that will work for you, do your homework. But be careful. Most miracle products and treatments are shams. When in doubt, your doctor or a dermatologist may be able to help.

Hair Loss Medication: Minoxidil

Although there's no way to cure male-pattern baldness, you can slow it down with some medications. Minoxidil is an FDA-approved over-the-counter medication you apply to your scalp. It slows the rate of hair loss in men, and some men even grow new hair. But once you stop using it, hair loss returns.

Male-Pattern Baldness: What to Expect

A tell-tale sign of male-pattern baldness is a receding, M-shaped hairline. Next, the hair on top of your head also starts to thin, leaving a bald spot. Eventually, the two meet, leaving a horseshoe pattern of hair around the sides. The Norwood Scale, seen here, is used to rate male-pattern baldness.

Male-Pattern Baldness: Blame Hormones

With male-pattern baldness, a hormone called DHT causes hair follicles to shrink. Eventually, the follicles shrink so much that no hair can grow in them.

Should You Wear a Hairpiece?

Hairpieces have come a long way in how they look. Finding the right one, though, takes time and study. There's a wide range in cost and quality. And hairpieces require regular maintenance which can run between \$60 and \$300 per month. When shopping, look to match your own hair color, thickness, and curl.

What Happens With a Hair Transplant

A doctor will move healthy hair from the back and side of your head to the top to restore a natural look. Hair transplants can be costly and you may have to have several procedures. After two months, most of the transplanted hair is shed, but new hair grows back. Within six months the hair starts to look normal.

Make the Most of the Hair You Have

There are some styling tricks you can use to make your hair loss less noticeable. Cutting thinning hair short lets you avoid obvious comb-overs. Hair care and styling products may add volume to your hair. Eating a balanced diet and handling your hair gently will also help.

Accentuate the Positive

Hair does not make the man. Remind yourself of all you have to offer others. Or take care of things you can control, such as staying in shape. It's OK to look to others for support. If you need a boost, think of bald men (or those who shaved their heads) like Ed Harris, Patrick Stewart, and Michael Jordan, who ooze confidence. Then consider yourself in good company.

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Obese may live up to 20 fewer years



PASADENA, California -- The obesity epidemic affects more children at a younger age and takes as many as 20 years off their lives, U.S. researchers said.

Kaiser Permanente researchers in Pasadena, Calif., found 7.3 percent of boys and 5.5 percent of girls are classified as extremely obese. Extreme obesity most affected black teenage girls, 12 per-

cent, and Hispanic teenage boys, 11.2 percent.

The study of 710,949 children provided a snapshot of children ages 2-19 from a large racially and ethnically diverse population. Children in the study had an average of 2.6 medical visits per year in which height and weight were measured.

"Our focus and concern is all about health and not about appearance," study co-author Dr. Amy Porter said in a statement. "Children who are morbidly obese can do anything they want -- they can be judges, lawyers, doctors -- but the one thing they cannot be is healthy."

Porter and colleagues said morbid obesity may shorten children's lives by 10 to 20 years less and such children develop health problems such as heart disease, diabetes and liver disease -- illnesses associated with those ages 40-60 -- in their 20s.

The study is published online in the Journal of Pediatrics.

FDA warns doctors about Glaxo rotavirus vaccine

WASHINGTON -- U.S. health officials urged pediatricians Monday to temporarily stop using one of two vaccines against a leading cause of diarrhea in babies, after discovering that doses of GlaxoSmithKline's Rotarix were contaminated with bits of an apparently benign pig virus.

Glaxo's vaccine has been used in millions of children worldwide, including 1 million in the U.S., with no signs of safety problems -- and the pig virus isn't known to cause any kind of illness in people or animals, said Dr. Margaret Hamburg, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

But vaccines are supposed to be sterile, and because there is a competing vaccine against diarrhea-causing rotavirus that has tested clean -- Merck's RotaTeq -- the FDA decided to err on the

side of caution.

"We don't want to scare parents," Hamburg told reporters. "This was a difficult decision for us to make because there is no evidence at this time that there is a risk to patients who have received this vaccine, and we know there are real benefits for children to be vaccinated against rotavirus."

Rotavirus causes severe diarrhea and is a leading child killer in developing countries. In the U.S., with better health care, about 55,000 children a year were hospitalized for rotavirus infections and several dozen died each year before vaccination began -- with Merck's vaccine in 2006 and Glaxo's in 2008.

Glaxo said Monday that regulators abroad have decided not to change how Rotarix is used while scientists probe the relevance of the discovery.

Tip: Who's a Good Candidate for LASIK?

LASIK eye surgery is designed to reduce or eliminate the need for contact lenses or glasses in some people.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine says the following factors make candidates more likely to benefit from LASIK:

- * People aged 18 or older.
- * Women who aren't pregnant or breast-feeding.
- * People who aren't taking certain medications, including prednisone or Accutane.
- * People who have healthy eyes and a lens prescription that doesn't change often.
- * People who don't have chronic health problems such as diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis or lupus.
- * People who are unhappy wearing contact lenses or glasses, and have realistic expectations of surgery results.

Colegio Arubano's 50th anniversary party brings generations together



Colegio Arubano, the island's only HAVO/VWO High School, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Many generations have enjoyed, or maybe detested, the years they have spent at this school in the Vondellaan. The school has a terrific track record when one considers the successful careers of its alumnae. Most of the island's top professionals, among them ministers, lawyers, doctors and teachers, have spent their early years at this school.

Fifty reasons for a great party, thought Menno Conijn, manager of MooMba Beach, and he organized an informal get-together, which will take place this Saturday, March 27. A come-as-u-are happening with white as the dress code, so everyone will recognize each other as former students, teachers or drop-outs. The music will of course be from years past: the sixties, seventies, eighties and

nineties will be relived through songs that hold a thousand memories.

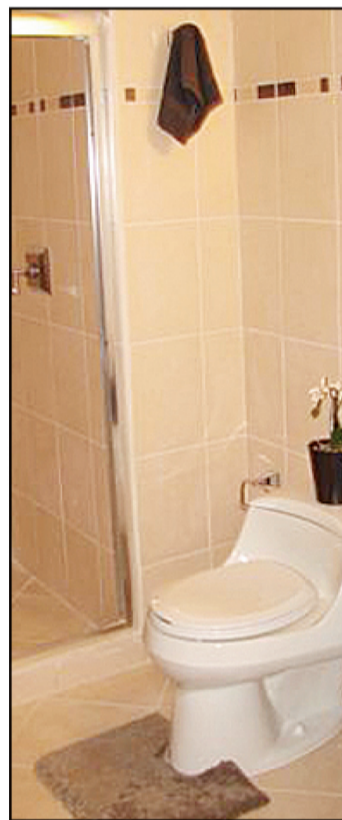
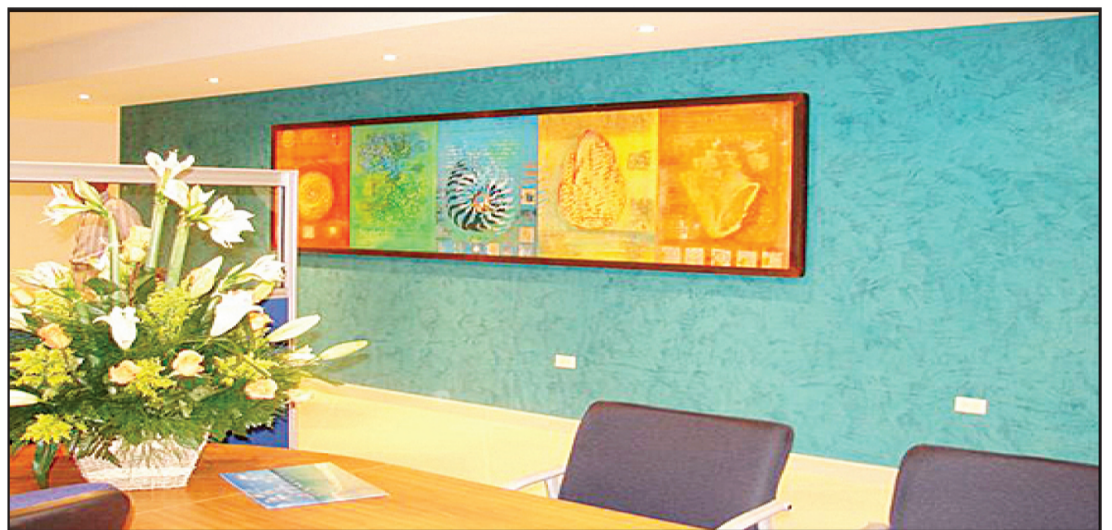
Invitations to the Get Together have been extended via Facebook, Twitter, the internet and via word of mouth, with lots of very enthusiastic reactions. MooMba's DJ has already been flooded with requests for hit songs from decades past. He will be playing the best of the best, as requested by the ex-Colegio students. Hopefully many generations of ex-students will come to MooMba to see each other again, to say hello or just to have fun with friends.

Everyone is welcome, so non-CA students as well. There is no entry fee, just show up and enjoy.

The get-together at MooMba Beach starts at 9 pm. Wear white if you are an ex Colegio student.

Do you recognize anyone on the photos????

Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports accelerated construction pace



Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports that the first wing of the East Tower has reached the highest point of construction. Developers have just poured the 14th floor concrete beams, and are gearing up for the launch of the second wing construction.

Mid-year, Acqua Condominiums Aruba will be pouring the foundation for the South Tower, and begin work on community amenities such as the lagoon-style pool and tropical garden, the club house, business center, spa, restaurant and grand lobby, followed by the debut of the North Tower and the completion of the entire ambitious project by 2012.

Built on 30.278 m2 of property land this exciting condominium project continues to attract buyers and investors, lured by the upscale elegance of the complex Mansions, Penthouses, Suites, Studios and Residences.

General Manager Jenner Florez and Managing Director

Oscar Helmeyer report that the development company is planning on doubling its workmen capacity within the next few weeks. Construction specialists recently laid off by the oil refinery will find new employment at Acqua Condominiums as plumbers, electricians and carpenters join the force in order to work on building the interiors.

"Work on the site has been in full swing since January 11th, when construction workers returned from their well-deserved Christmas vacation," explains Helmeyer. "And we are at the moment in negotiations with the department of labor to extend the number of

work hours to 18 a day, maintaining two full-shifts of laborers, and resulting in accelerated construction pace."

Acqua Condominiums Aruba began construction one year ago, and has been met with great enthusiasm from the get go. A stylish and contemporary sales center on Palm Beach, on the construction site, includes a number of model apartments with Kohler bathrooms and faucets, European style kitchens with granite tops, brand-name appliances, porcelain tiles, floor to ceiling UV-filtered hurricane proof windows and doors, all tastefully furnished and finished, and available for viewing.

Have you had your breakfast today? The Old Fisherman offers breakfast with an Aruban twist



Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan bati" nicely presented to soup of the day accompanied by delicious deserts.

Now they are serving you breakfast with an Aruban twist at bargain prizes.

Monica and Amarilis who have been with the company for ten years are ready to serve you with a smile.

Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs sunny side up with ham and cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese, smoked salmon or boiled eggs.

If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something from the local breakfast menu served on pan grandi (rama) or a baguette. You can try the delicious kerrie-kerrie (a typical Aruban flaked fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, fish fillet, fish cake and the chicken soup or you can have fruit salad and yoghurt.

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R-I, Monica and Amarilis with their fellow colleagues



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Sex in a new city: Carrie & pals go to Abu Dhabi



LAS VEGAS (AP) – Sarah Jessica Parker and her Manhattan gal pals are taking their sexy ways to a new city.

"Sex and the City 2," due in theaters May 27, sends Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon on a trip to the Middle East as they visit Abu Dhabi.

While the sequel allows Parker's Carrie Bradshaw a chance to spend quality time with her chic posse, it also gave the actresses more opportunity to hang together than they've had before.

"This is probably the most time the characters have ever spent together," Parker said in an interview at last week's

ShoWest convention for theater owners, where distributor Warner Bros. premiered a new "Sex and the City 2" trailer.

"Simultaneously, it was the first time that the four actors left the country, lived together, worked together for almost eight weeks solid — and when I say lived together, I mean breakfast, lunch and dinner together every single night," Parker continued. "We were removed from family and friends, and we've never had that kind of time together, because we always went home to friends and family and children and husbands and wives. It is the most fun and the hardest we've ever worked together."

The foursome needed to work hard to top the first big-screen spinoff of the TV series, which far exceeded industry expectations two years ago with a \$56.8 million opening weekend. The movie went on to top \$150 million at the box office.

"Sex and the City 2" reunites Carrie and company with the key men in their lives, including Big (Chris Noth), whom Carrie married in the first movie.

The sequel has Cattrall's Samantha Jones taking her friends along to Abu Dhabi, where her movie star ex has shot an action film.

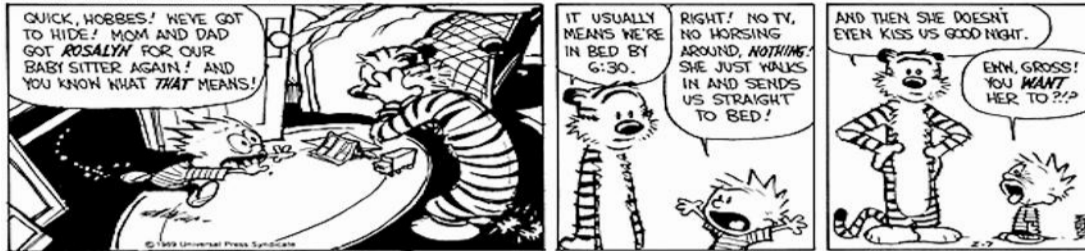
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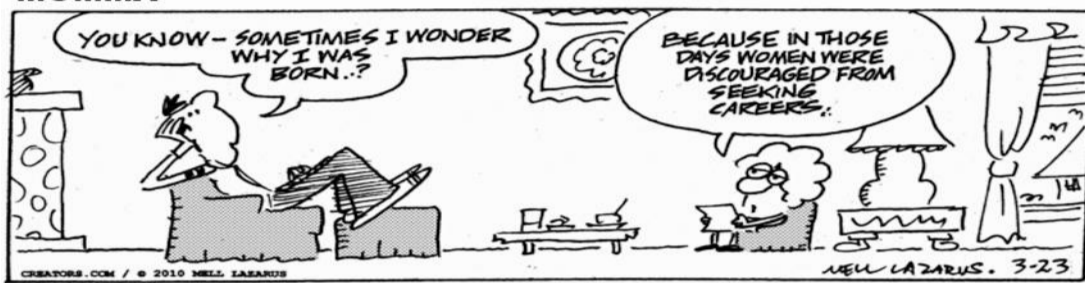
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- 11 Easter Parade locale (2 words)
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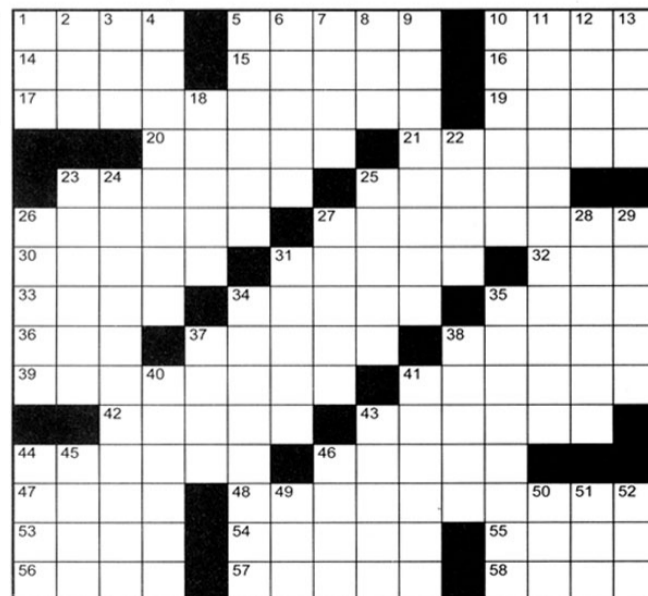
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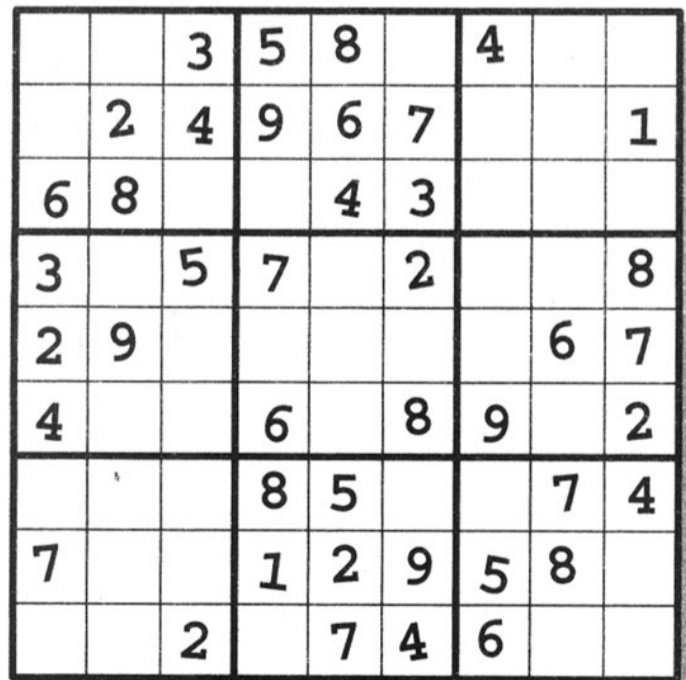
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WTO rules on epic Airbus-Boeing dispute

GENEVA, Switzerland – The World Trade Organisation issued a landmark ruling yesterday on a six-year-old clash pitting US aerospace giant Boeing against its arch rival Airbus over an alleged 200 billion dollars of state aid.

Transmitted only to the two parties involved in the litigation, the 1,000-page confidential ruling on the dispute brought by the US against the EU is however only the first volume of the long-running, acrimonious saga.

Another ruling on a counter-complaint brought by the EU against US aid for Boeing is expected later this year, suggesting that the jury remains out on who might have won the overall dispute, analysts said.

An EU source in the Geneva mission said that the bloc would "not comment on the substance as the document is confidential."

Airbus said in a statement that the ruling rejected "70 per cent of the US claims."

Toyota will replace pedals for unhappy owners

WASHINGTON (AP) – Toyota has told dealers it will provide replacement accelerator pedals to owners who are unsatisfied with their repairs under the massive recall following dozens of complaints about the fix.

The Japanese automaker said in yesterday that if a customer is unhappy with the feel

of the accelerator after the car is repaired, dealers can provide a replacement pedal at no charge.

Dealers have been inserting a piece of metal into the gas pedal mechanism to eliminate friction that was causing the pedal problem on more than 4 million vehicles involved in a January recall.

IDB writes off almost US\$500m in Haitian debt

CANCUN, Mexico – The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has agreed to write off US\$479 million in debts owed by Haiti, which is in line to receive a total of US\$2 billion in new IDB support over the next 10 years.

IDB President Luis Alberto

Moreno has also announced a US\$70 billion increase in the overall capitalisation for the Bank.

Apart from the much needed debt relief, the IDB has committed to provide development assistance for the country.

How to put 100,000 highly motivated salespeople immediately to work for you 24/7, 365 days a year!

by Ken Varga



Ken Varga

Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude.

Hi again, and welcome.

To those of you who are new readers, I'd like to express my thanks and remind you to email me with your special problems and questions.

Now to this week's tip.

Can imagine for a moment what it would be like if you could have 1,000, 5000, or 100,000 tireless salespeople working around the clock, 24 hours a day, calling on prospect after prospect, making the most complete, compelling and irresistible sales presentations possible for you?

You can with direct mail.

Direct mail is the workhorse tool you have available to grow customers or clients in your business.

With direct mail you can show your potential customers every advantage, present every benefit of your product, introduce every advantage your product offers over the compe-

titution, explain how, and why, and where, and when prospects could use your product to get themselves an incredible result in their life or business.

Imagine what it would be like if you could gain entry to every otherwise inaccessible prospect you've ever wanted to reach. This is one advantage Direct mail has over email.

Where you may not be able to reach potential prospects by email because of Spam laws, filters, etc., you may still be able to reach those prospects by direct mail.

You can reach them in their offices, and in their homes.

Not just during the business day, but in the evenings, on weekends, on Sundays, on holidays.

It's incredible, but that's the advantage that direct mail offers your business if you start using it intelligently as a customer and client building tool.

Direct mail gets your message to the prospective customer when other ways fail to get that same message to them.

It is such a powerful tool.

Any business can and should use direct mail, as one of their weapons in their arsenal to create new customers.

I'm going to give you just one example now, and a few more in coming tips.

Again, here's Wayne.

I gave Wayne this idea. If you're new to these tips, let me explain.

Wayne owns a Deli, and has created other businesses within his Deli.

I visited Wayne one day. I saw his Mom cooking away in the kitchen all those fresh foods that she cooks daily.

Most of the food for that day was for customers who were single.

Therefore Waynes Mom cooked each item for one serving.

There was Chicken Pot Pie, Stuffed Shells, etc.

Then I got an idea.

I said to Wayne, "Where were you when I needed you."

While my children were going to college, (all 4 of them in college at the same time) Barb, my wife, and I would spend Sundays cooking up individual helpings of food to make our constant food run to their college.

One Sunday we would make up Stuffed Shells, another Sunday Lasagna, Tomato Sauce, and quite a few other items.

Here was my Savior. Wayne.

Unfortunately all of my children had already graduated from college.

So I mentioned to Wayne, to get a list of all of the parents, within a 10 mile radius of his Deli, put together a Direct mail piece announcing that he will do their "Your Care Package."

Then, include a menu for them to choose from, fax the orders, and charge their credit card to the purchase.

Each and everyone reading these Tips should look at their own business and see how they can think of other ways, using direct mail, to create more new customers.

Over this next week, think of other ways you can sell your products through direct mail. Think of weird situations like the one above.

In the next tip, I'll write about how, where, and why you can use Direct mail.

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Pay czar unveils 2010 compensation restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) – The administration's pay czar tells reporters the top 25 earners at five companies still receiving extraordinary aid from the government's bailout fund will be paid an average 15 percent less in 2010 than in 2009 under his restrictions.

The companies include troubled automakers General Motors and Chrysler and insurance giant American Inter-

national Group.

Pay czar Kenneth Feinberg also announces he is asking 419 companies that received support from the bailout program to provide details of compensation they received at the height of the financial crisis at the end of 2008 and early 2009.

Feinberg's announcement is part of a continuing effort to deal with public outrage over

bonus payments provided to executives at companies getting billions of dollars in taxpayer support.

The Treasury, where Feinberg's office is housed, also said about 84 percent of the top earners under the pay czar's jurisdiction are still with their firms despite having their pay dramatically cut back.

There is a striking number of holdovers.

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Indian military to weaponize world's hottest chili



In this July 4, 2007 file photo, farmer Digonta Saikia shows a 'Bhut jolokia' or 'ghost chili' pepper plucked from his field in the northeastern Indian state of Assam.

GAUHATI, India (AP)— The Indian military has a new weapon against terrorism: the world's hottest chili.

After conducting tests, the military has decided to use the thumb-sized "bhut jolokia," or "ghost chili," to make tear gas-like hand grenades to immobilize suspects, defense officials said yesterday.

The bhut jolokia was accepted by Guinness World Records in 2007 as the world's spiciest chili. It is grown and eaten in India's northeast for its taste, as a cure for stomach troubles and a way to fight the crippling summer heat.

It has more than 1,000,000 Scoville units, the scientific measurement of a chili's spiciness. Classic Tabasco sauce ranges from 2,500 to 5,000 Scoville units, while jalapeno peppers measure anywhere from 2,500 to 8,000.

Former inmate gets 15 years for breaking into jail

VIERA, Florida (AP) — A Florida man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for violating his probation by trying to break into the Brevard County jail.

A judge sentenced 25-year-old Sylvest Monday. He was convicted in January of trespassing on jail property and resisting an officer.

Authorities say Jiles tried to

"The chili grenade has been found fit for use after trials in Indian defense laboratories, a fact confirmed by scientists at the Defense Research and Development Organization," Col. R. Kalia, a defense spokesman in the northeastern state of Assam, told The Associated Press.

"This is definitely going to be an effective nontoxic weapon because its pungent smell can choke terrorists and force them out of their hide-outs," R. B. Srivastava, the director of the Life Sciences Department at the New Delhi headquarters of the DRDO said.

Srivastava, who led a defense research laboratory in Assam, said trials are also on to produce bhut jolokia-based aerosol sprays to be used by women against attackers and for the police to control and disperse mobs.

climb a 12-foot fence at the Brevard County Detention He had been released a week earlier after accepting a plea deal on a manslaughter charge.

Jiles had begged jail officials to take him back into custody, saying he feared retaliation from the victim's family. Jail officials said they couldn't take him in and told him to file a police report.

Carrier jet takes Virgin rocket aloft for 1st time



Photo released by Virgin Galactic, shows the first captive-carry flight of VSS Enterprise or SpaceShipTwo over Mojave, California.

LOS ANGELES, California (AP) — Virgin Galactic's fledgling space tourism rocket was taken aloft over the California desert on an inaugural test flight Monday attached to the wing of its mothership, the company said.

The captive-carry test marked the start of a test program for SpaceShipTwo that will progress to free flights as a glider and then under rocket power, Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic said in a statement.

Throughout the 2-hour, 54-minute test, the spaceship remained slung beneath the middle of the wing of its unique twin-fuselage carrier aircraft, the WhiteKnightTwo.

The pair achieved an altitude of 45,000 feet before returning to the Mojave Air and Space Port, which is 70 miles north of Los Angeles, the company said.

"This is a momentous day," designer Burt Rutan.

The rocket and mothership are the second-generation of the Rutan-designed system that sent the first privately developed, manned rocket into space in June 2004. SpaceShipOne went on that year to make two more suborbital flights, winning the \$10 million Ansari X Prize.

Branson, the billionaire founder of Virgin Group Ltd., is in a deal with the Rutan-founded Scaled Composites LLC of Mojave, Calif., to develop passenger-carrying spacecraft and launchers.

The new SpaceShipTwo has been dubbed Virgin SpaceShip Enterprise and the four-engine carrier jet is called Virgin Mothership Eve, after



Branson's mother.

"Seeing the finished spaceship in December was a major day for us but watching VSS Enterprise fly for the first time really brings home what beautiful, groundbreaking vehicles Burt and his team have developed for us," Branson said.

Virgin Galactic said the flight test program will run through 2011 before commercial operations begin.

SpaceShipTwo will be carried to an altitude of about 50,000 feet and then released by the mothership.

Powered by a single rocket motor, the spaceship will be flown by a crew of two and carry six passengers on a Mach 3 thrill ride through the edge of the atmosphere for a brief zero-gravity experience and views of the Earth far below before gliding to a landing.

More than 300 people have made deposits on the \$200,000 tickets.

Such suborbital flights are similar to the 1961 flights of Mercury astronauts Alan Shepard and Virgil Grissom — up into space and then back down without circling the Earth.

But by launching Space-

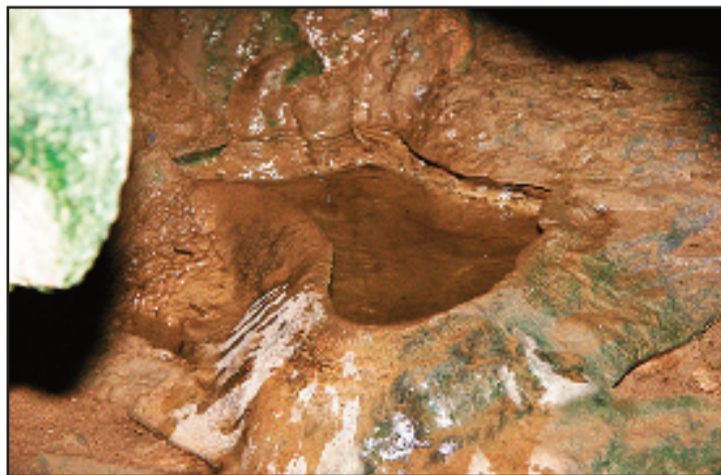
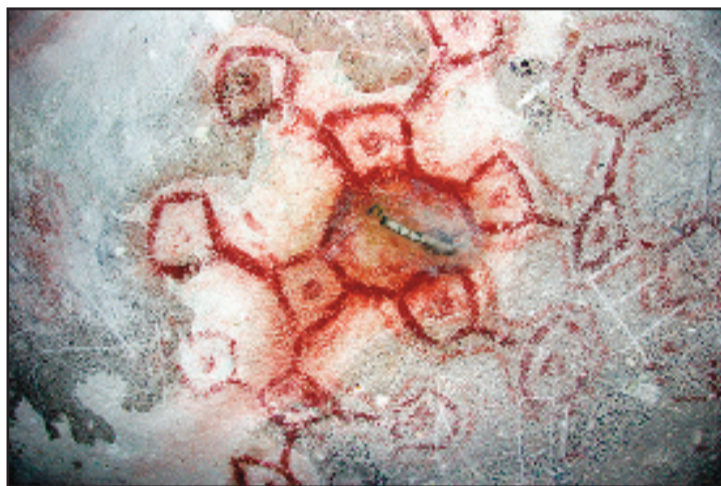
ShipTwo from a high-flying carrier aircraft, there's no need for the massive rockets that propelled the Mercury capsules. Motherships have been used for decades by NASA and the military for captive-carry tests and launches of such craft as the X-15 rocket planes.

The novel part of Rutan's design is his "carefree reentry" system. SpaceShipTwo has tailbooms extending rearward from its wings. In space, the booms pivot upward to a 65-degree angle. The position causes drag and slows the descent in the upper atmosphere before the booms pivot back to horizontal.

Commercial development has been slower than expected. When Virgin Group licensed the technology from Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who funded about \$26 million for SpaceShipOne, Branson envisioned operating flights by 2007.

A major setback was an explosion during a 2007 ground test involving the flow of a rocket oxidizer. Three workers were killed and three others suffered serious injuries.

A must see while on Aruba! The "Fontein Caves"



Around the world, tourists do a lot of site-seeing. That's the way they learn about other cultures and their histories. Aruba offers a great sanctuary to lay in the sun and get a tan, but there is much more to this small island.

One of the island's treasures are the "Fontein" caves located in Aruba's National Park, Parke Arikok.

Aruba has a lot of caves, some are small others very big, some are under the sea others above the sea, in some of them Indian drawings were found while in others only a few fos-

sils. Every cave has its own distinct uniqueness which sets it apart. The "Fontein" Cave (fountain cave) got this name because there is a spring water source in the cave. Years ago when there was no tap water the Aruban community got water out of the "Fontein" Cave. For safety they first boiled the water just to be sure the bacteria were killed. The area around the cave is very green because of the water as it is not only found inside the cave but also outside. It's nice to walk in the surrounding area where one can see the fishes in

the water, birds in the trees in complete serenity. The "Fontein" Cave was made by the power of the sea, a little bit strange when you see the sea 300 meters away from the cave. But Aruba has changed and is still changing, just like the whole world does.

The "Fontein" Cave is formed by coral, limestone and minerals. When visiting the cave you will think it is just formed by rocks, but once inside one can see how special it is as it changes all the time. In the cave there are a lot of bats, the long nose and long tong bat.

In the "Fontein" Cave Indian drawings were found, only at the beginning of the cave, meaning they used the cave only for protection against the weather. The drawings are probably made with iron oxide (extracted from coral) and from juice of the Brazilian tree. The rangers of Arikok National Park are protecting the drawings really good, because some of them have been completely damaged by the sea wind and humans. The cave is in a nature area, full of Aruba's flora and fauna. Sometimes the rangers catch snakes and they put them for a few days in a terrarium so tourists can see what lives on Aruba. You can visit the cave everyday from 9:30 a.m. till 4:15 p.m. And for the real cave freak, together with a ranger you can walk up to 250 meters into the cave.

"Fontein" Cave is one of Aruba natural wonders and is well worth a visit. Don't forget your camera!

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College billboard contains grammar mistake

HOLLYWOOD, Florida, -- Residents of a Florida town reacted with amusement to a glaring typo in an unexpected place -- a billboard for South Florida Career College.

Hollywood residents said the billboard reads "It's never too late to start you career" -- with the "you" an apparent typo filling in for the grammatically correct "your" --

WSVN-TV, Miami, reported.

"I think it's not a good career starter if you can't spell it right," local man Phil Dematteo said.

The college declined to comment on the error and would not reveal whether the typo was the fault of school officials, the designers of the billboard or those charged with posting the advertisement.



Pearl says Vols know they stand 1 win from history



KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Reaching the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament has become quite a habit for Tennessee. Figuring out how to win once the Vols

get there? Well, that's the problem.

The Vols have never advanced past the round of 16.

Tennessee is in the regional semifinals for the sixth time in school history and for the third time in Bruce Pearl's five seasons. The second-seeded Vols (27-8) play No. 2 seed Ohio State (29-7) on Friday night in St. Louis—a rematch of the 2008 regional

semifinal Tennessee lost 85-84 after blowing a huge halftime lead against Greg Oden and Michael Conley.

Pearl said Monday that his Vols have been playing for

history all season.

"This team is one win away from going someplace that no Tennessee basketball (men's team) has ever gone. Every one of us would like to have our name on that accomplishment," he said.

This is the fourth time in six seasons for Pearl to take a team to this point of the NCAA tournament. He did it with Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2005 before Tennessee hired him away to revive a program that had to hide empty sections in its cavernous arena with black curtains.

Asked if he feels not reaching the regional final is weighing on him, Pearl said no.

"But it will be if it continues," he said with a smile. "It'll be a great problem to have if every year I can't get my team from the Sweet 16 to the Elite 8. It's like when Mike Krzyzewski got to the Final Four every year but couldn't win the national championship. That was a real burden."

Pearl is trying a combination in trying to find the right buttons to push to lead his Vols to Sunday's regional final against either Michigan State or Northern Iowa.

But Pearl also has talked to some coaches, trying to glean any advice or tidbit he can use. Pearl said he plans to throw in a couple of different things at his team to keep the mood light. And he will tap Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt when she's off her own game—pressure for some tips considering her eight national championships.

"I'll be interested to see what her thoughts are," Pearl said.

Tennessee has plenty of experience this time around. Senior Wayne Chism will be playing in his third regional semifinal, while this will be the second for J.P. Prince.

Pearl said Northern Iowa's upset of Kansas has all four teams heading to St. Louis for a two-game stretch where each has to like the odds of advancing.

"We've got to look at it the exact same way. We're two wins away from going to the Final Four," Pearl said.

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EASTERN CONF.				
Atlantic	W	L	Pts	
Pittsburgh	42	24	90	
New Jersey	42	25	88	
Philadelphia	37	30	79	
NY Rangers	31	32	71	
NY Islanders	29	33	68	
Northeast				
Buffalo	37	22	88	
Ottawa	37	30	79	
Montreal	36	29	79	
Boston	31	27	76	
Toronto	25	34	64	
Southeast				
y-Washington	47	14	106	
Atlanta	30	29	75	
Florida	28	31	69	
Carolina	28	34	68	
Tampa Bay	29	32	68	
WESTERN CONF.				
Central	W	L	Pts	
Chicago	45	19	97	
Nashville	42	26	89	
Detroit	35	23	83	
St. Louis	34	29	77	
Columbus	29	31	70	
Northwest				
Vancouver	44	24	92	
Colorado	40	25	86	
Calgary	36	27	81	
Minnesota	35	31	76	
Edmonton	23	42	53	
Pacific				
Phoenix	46	22	97	
San Jose	43	19	96	
Los Angeles	41	24	87	
Dallas	34	29	76	
Anaheim	31	27	76	

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONF.					
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	45	25	.643	--	
Toronto	35	34	.507	9.5	
N.York	25	45	.357	20.0	
Phil	24	47	.338	21.5	
N.Jersey	7	63	.100	38.0	
Central					
y-Cleveland	56	15	.789	--	
Milwaukee	39	30	.565	16.0	
Chicago	33	37	.471	22.5	
Indiana	24	46	.343	31.5	
Detroit	23	47	.329	32.5	
Southeast					
x-Orlando	50	21	.704	--	
x-Atlanta	45	25	.643	4.5	
Miami	37	34	.521	13.0	
Charlotte	35	34	.507	14.0	
Wash.	21	47	.309	27.5	
WESTERN CONF.					
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB	
Dallas	46	24	.657	--	
San Ant.	42	27	.609	3.5	
Memphis	38	33	.535	8.5	
Houston	36	33	.522	9.5	
N.Orleans	34	38	.472	13.0	
Northwest					
Denver	47	23	.671	--	
Utah	46	25	.648	1.5	
Okl. City	42	27	.609	4.5	
Portland	42	29	.592	5.5	
Minn.	14	57	.197	33.5	
Pacific					
x-LA Lakers	52	18	.743	--	
Phoenix	45	26	.634	7.5	
LA Clippers	26	44	.371	26.0	
Sacra.	24	47	.338	28.5	
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On the road to 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa

Netherlands forward Ryan Babel hopeful Liverpool form can take him to South Africa



Liverpool winger Ryan Babel is optimistic that his improving club form could yet win him a call-up to the Netherlands squad which travels to South Africa for the World Cup this summer.

The player had looked out of favour at Anfield earlier this season, but a recent run of first-team appearances has shown that he still has plenty to offer.

He looked set for a January exit, but talks with manager Rafael Benitez have cleared the air and he has featured in the Reds' last 12 games.

And that run of steady form might just now enable him to catch Oranje coach Bert van Marwijk's eye in the run-up to this summer's showpiece occasion.

"Every player want to get a run of games to show what he can do. I hope I can continue to show more - If I can then I will be happy," Babel told The Liverpool Echo.

"Hopefully I can give something back to the squad. I'm slowly feeling

more confident.

"I'm playing games now and want to show what I can do.

"The fans expect me always to dribble and take men on.

"It's not always possible but I try to do it as much as I can.

"I like to take men on and hopefully I'll show more of that in the future. I know if I play a lot of games then I'll have a good chance of going to the World Cup."

Javier Aguirre explains next phase of Mexico's preparation

While the first phase of Mexico's three-pronged preparation stage for the 2010 World Cup was supposed to have featured observation, it seems the second phase will be equal parts observation and preparation.

Mexico's 60-day training camp was never intended to feature the entire Mexican national team as a good portion of the roster is based in Europe, but neither will it feature an entire roster made up of World Cup players.

Music stars line up to set South Africa 2010 off on right note

FIFA and Control Room, a leading producer of global music events, today announced the first performing artists for the inaugural FIFA World Cup™ Kick-Off Celebration Concert. Alicia Keys, Amadou & Mariam, Angélique Kidjo, Black Eyed Peas, BLK JKS, John Legend, Juanes, Shakira, The Parlotones, Tinariwen, Vieux Farka Touré and Vusi Mahlasela will take to the stage at Orlando Stadium in Soweto/Johannesburg on the eve of the opening match of the first FIFA World Cup™ on African soil. Further talent announcements will follow.

Billed as the greatest entertainment show to date in Africa, it will feature performances from major international musicians and African artists, as well as appearances by football legends past and present and celebrities from other fields. This historic music event will take place in front of a capacity stadium audience of 30,000 will be broadcast to hundreds of millions more worldwide. It is scheduled to begin at



20.00 local time (GMT+2) on 10 June.

"We are thrilled to have a concert of such magnitude and performing talent raise the curtain on the first FIFA World Cup in Africa. It is testament to the universal and unifying power of football and music, and will start the competition off on the right note - of celebration," said FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke.

FIFA has selected Emmy Award-winning producer

Kevin Wall and his company Control Room to organise and produce the concert. Control Room has masterminded some of the world's biggest and most complex events, such as Live Earth 2007, which featured 150 artists performing on seven continents over the course of 24 hours to raise awareness of climate change.

"We believe sports and music transcend cultural, language and geographic barriers, and through the official FIFA World Cup Kick-Off Celebration Concert, we will present the sights and sounds of unity and celebration for an unforgettable, must-see experience," said Wall.

All net proceeds from the concert will be donated to 20 Centres for 2010, the Official Campaign of the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™, whose aim is to achieve positive social change through football by building 20 centres across Africa offering education and healthcare services as well as football training to disadvantaged communities.

"On April 5, I am going to call in 18 players who will not be able to play Jornada 14 or 15 with their clubs," Mexico manager Javier Aguirre said in a press conference. "They will not be assured of going to the World Cup. None of those 18 players is safe."

Aguirre said he is forced to call up that many players because of games Mexico will play in May, none of them would be able to feature the full squad because of the European seasons. As the

squad will feature a sizable amount of European-based players, having all of them around while their respective seasons are still going on would not be possible.

"I have to call up 18 because there are three games in the United States, on the 7th, 10th and 13th (of May) and I cannot call up 14 or 13 because that would be ridiculous. For those games, I'd have to take a minimum of 18 players, and we'll play with those 18 players."

Mexico will play Ecuador

in New York on May 7, Senegal in Chicago four days later and Angola in Houston on May 13 before their send-off from Mexico City, on May 16 against Chile.

While much was made about the final roster being announced 60 days prior to the World Cup, Aguirre said he would wait until the final possible moment to submit his roster.

"I have until June 1," he said. "I'm going to take the best players."

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Mauer, Twins make commitment official



Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer, left, and Twins general manager Bill Smith

Catcher inks extension before family and teammates
FORT MYERS, Fla. -- On Friday afternoon, Joe Mauer called his parents and invited them to lunch.

Throughout the past couple of months, Mauer hadn't talked much about the negotiations taking place between him and the Twins regarding a long-term deal. But as they sat together and ate, Mauer laid out the possibility of an eight-year, \$184 million contract extension that would keep him at home, in a Twins uniform, through at least the 2018 season.

"He asked us what we thought and we told him, 'Great, Joe. Go for it,'" Mauer's dad, Jake, said with a smile. "What makes it exciting is this is what Joe wanted. He wanted to stay in Minnesota."

And on Monday night, in front of a packed room at the Lee County Sports Complex that included many members of his family, team officials and teammate Justin Morneau, Mauer officially

signed that contract.

Using the same pen he used to sign his first contract with the Twins in 2001, when they made him the No. 1 overall pick out of Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Mauer inked his name on the dotted line and secured what many fans had been hoping to see -- the hometown kid remaining in Minnesota.

And as he began to talk about the deal for the first time publicly, the usually stoic catcher found himself getting a bit choked up.

"I'm getting a little emotional about this. It's finally starting to set in," Mauer said. "There are so many people in this room that I care deeply about. I love putting on the Minnesota Twins uniform, and I'm thrilled to be able to do this for the rest of my career."

"I told everybody here, I'm going to give you everything I got. My goal is to win a World Series, and I look forward to doing that. Let's get back to work tomorrow, huh?"

Tomlin shares concern for Roethlisberger

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Mike Tomlin knew where to go even before seeing his nameplate on the table. The Pittsburgh Steelers coach headed directly toward the crowd of reporters waiting to ask him about Ben Roethlisberger.

Tomlin on Tuesday expressed his concern for his star quarterback, who is accused of assaulting a 20-year-old college student in a Georgia nightclub on March 5. Roethlisberger's lawyer says the quarterback committed no crime. Roethlisberger has yet to be interviewed by police in Milledgeville, Ga., and charges have not been filed.

Tomlin said he talks to Roethlisberger daily "about football, about personal life; that's the nature of our relationship."

"We've been pretty clear from (Steelers president) Art Rooney on down how we are approaching this," Tomlin added at the NFL meetings. "At this point, as the investigation runs its course, we'll have comments at the appropriate time."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has spoken with Rooney and other members of the Steelers and said he will meet with Roethlisberger.

"He is well within his rights in terms of meeting with him and I share his concern," Tomlin said. "It's safe to say all of us are held to an extremely high standard; it's a privilege to be part of the NFL. We're all fortunate and blessed to be part of the NFL and, specifically, the Pittsburgh Steelers."

Roethlisberger also is being sued by a woman who says he raped her in 2008 at a Lake Tahoe hotel. He denies the allegation and has asked for counter-damages.

Tomlin said Roethlisberger called him in the middle of the night this month to inform him about this latest matter.

"I think it's well known that we're very, very conscious about how we do business," Tomlin said. "We have a very high concern about our image and how we conduct ourselves that I think is above and beyond our peers, and we embrace that."

Roethlisberger skipped voluntary workouts with the team last week.

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AP source: A-Rod to meet Friday with feds

NEW YORK (AP)—Alex Rodriguez is scheduled to meet with federal investigators probing a Canadian physician on Friday, a person familiar with the session told The Associated Press.

The meeting is scheduled to take place in Buffalo and likely will include FBI agents and members of other federal agencies, the person said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no public statements were authorized.

The scheduling of the meeting was first reported by The New York Times.

Rodriguez said March 1 he had been contacted by investigators and intended to cooperate. He was told from the outset that federal investigators view him as a witness in the case, the person said.

Dr. Anthony Galea said during a March 8 interview with The Associated Press

that he treated the New York Yankees third baseman last year and prescribed anti-inflammatories but never gave him or any other athlete human growth hormone.

Other major leaguers, including the Mets' Jose Reyes and Carlos Beltran, have been contacted by federal investigators about Galea. Colorado closer Huston Street has said investigators might want to talk to him about the case. Reyes and Beltran have said they did not receive HGH from Galea.

Galea, who also has treated golfer Tiger Woods, was charged by Canadian authorities in December with selling an unapproved drug known as Actovegin. He also was charged with conspiracy to import an unapproved drug, conspiracy to export a drug and smuggling goods into Canada by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

I still admire Tiger, says Nadal

MADRID - Rafael Nadal still admires scandal-hit golfer Tiger Woods and believes the media were wrong to publish details of the American world number one's private life.

"The first thing I think (about the Woods issue) is that society is in a bad way," the Spanish world number four said in an interview with Marca sports daily published on Tuesday.

"Starting with the sports media, we have to judge Tiger as an athlete.

"His private life is his business and nobody else's. I still admire him because he is an exemplary athlete."

"It's funny because a lot of the people who criticised him now want him to come back because sport in general needs him," Nadal said.

Mallorca-born Nadal returned from a six week injury layoff to reach the Indian Wells semi-finals last week but said he was unsure if he was back to his best level following his knee problems.

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